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Mr. W. Meade Keller  
Regional Counsel  
Region 3  
General Services Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Keller:

In connection with the procurement and installation of air conditioning equipment currently required by the Central Intelligence Agency, you have requested information as to the basis of our requirement. On 13 June 1958 the Director of Central Intelligence made a determination that installation of the air conditioning in question is necessary to avoid interruption to work vital to the Agency's mission and to avoid a serious decrease in working efficiency. Particularly in the light of the current world situation, interruptions of the intelligence function or impairment of its effectiveness due to working conditions cannot be tolerated nor can we permit endangering the health of employees engaged in essential intelligence functions. The expenditure involved is, therefore, for a purpose necessary to carry out the functions of the Agency as determined by the Director of Central Intelligence in accordance with Section 10 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Lawrence R. Houston  
General Counsel

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Director of Logistics  
Comptroller  
General Counsel

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